MARINet Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, Sept 3, 2026

Meeting Held at: Council Chambers, 525 San Anselmo Avenue, San Anselmo, CA 94960

Present:
Board Chair: Linda Kenton (San Anselmo)
Board: Crystal Duran (Belvedere Tiburon), Sarah Frye (College of Marin), Damon Hill (Larkspur), Lana Adlawan (MCFL), Anji Brenner (Mill Valley), Catherine Quffa (San Rafael), and Jeffrey Jackson (Sausalito)
MARINet Staff: Jessica Trenary

Kenton called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.

I. Determination of a Quorum – Yes

II. Public Comment Period – Written communication was received September 2, 2026. The communication was submitted anonymously, acknowledged during the meeting, and retained as part of the official record.

III. Business Topics

A. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting (*Action*) - **Adlawan moved to approve the August 6, 2026, meeting minutes, Brenner seconded. None abstained. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

B. Correspondence (*Discussion*) – Trenary provided an update on the state of incoming Public Records Act (PRA) requests.

C. Remote Meetings Requirements (*Discussion*) – At the Board's request, Trenary consulted with counsel, who confirmed that SB 707 applies only to "eligible legislative bodies" as defined by the statute. MARINet's Board of Directors does not meet that definition and is therefore not subject to the meeting accessibility requirements established by SB 707.

D. Board Resolution: OverDrive Funds (*Action*) – Trenary reviewed MARINet's available funds and financial activity from recent years, including the proposed budget adjustment to support the purchase of additional OverDrive content in FY26-27. **Duran moved to approve enlarging the budget object 80248671-522510 (Professional Services) by $200,000 with funds from Prior Year Fund Balance to support the purchase of additional OverDrive content in FY26-27, Jackson seconded. None abstained. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

E. Federal E-Rate Update (*Discussion*) - Trenary provided an update on MARINet's discounted internet funding, including approximately $91K in annual E-Rate. Trenary reported that the FCC is seeking comment on potential changes to the E-Rate program and reviewed possible financial and operational impacts to MARINet if federal support is reduced or eliminated.

F. Cancel October 1 Meeting (*Action*) - **Quffa moved to cancel the October MARINet Board meeting, Jackson seconded. None abstained. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

G. Board Task Forces:

I. Working Groups (*Discussion*) – Kenton presented the Task Force's proposed approaches to strengthening working-group leadership, clarifying staff support roles, and reducing reliance on MARINet staff for working-group administration, and invited Board feedback.

II. COMmon Read (*Discussion*) – Frye provided an update on the COMmon Read events and thanked participating libraries and the Board for their support, including the planned purchase of eBook and eAudiobooks in OverDrive.

III. Proposal: Juneteenth Task Force Formation (*Action*) - Adlawan proposed forming a Juneteenth Board Task Force. Belvedere Tiburon, College of Marin, San Anselmo, and San Rafael tentatively plan to hold Juneteenth events and supported informal communication among event staff instead of forming a Board task force. **No action was taken.**

Note: Duran left the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

IV. Standing Agenda Items

A. Library Advocacy (*Discussion*) – Adlawan reported that an update from the California Library Association's Legislative Advocacy Committee would be available soon and noted that E-Rate advocacy was included as an option on the committee's survey.

B. Library Announcements *(Discussion)* – Board members shared general updates regarding upcoming events, programs, and activities at their respective agencies.

C. Systems Administrator Report (*Discussion*) – Trenary updated the Board on current systems projects, including the AMH and Tote Check-In Server, the reopening of MCFL's remaining branches, and ongoing CENIC work. She also noted the loss of the CTF discount at Los Gamos, the upcoming FCC E-Rate comment period, continued record growth in OverDrive circulation, and ALA's *Guidance on the Use of Artificial Intelligence in Libraries*.

Kenton adjourned the meeting at 11:49 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Trenary